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Sent: Fri 5/6/2011 6:00:10 PM
Subject: Fw: BDCP EIS Alternatives
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I don't need you to do anything on this at the moment - just read below to be aware of the flaws in this process. DOI (Nawi) isn't quite asking for concurrence but is suggesting speak now or...yet they can't give us a written document!

We and the Corps are planning a joint letter next week to Nawi/lead agencies, somewhat restating past scoping comments and the value of integrating NEPA and 404 and explaining why we can't speak definitively now. Partly cya but also to be clear, if somewhat repetitive, about where we see issues and/or what type of analysis we need to see (including echoing recent State Board ltr on need to analyze reduced export alternative that reflects their Flow Criteria).

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Subject: RE: BDCP EIS Alternatives

It looks like the Corps is not available within the next couple of days and suggested that EPA give them an update. Since Karen, Erin, and I (and hopefully Jen) are available, let's schedule a conference call at 1:30pm today. I don't think it will take very long. We don't have anything in writing to forward; just wanted to quickly relay to you yesterday's discussions. Following is the conference call details –

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Subject: Re: BDCP EIS Alternatives

Thanks Patti. I very much want to hear more about the BDCP alternatives under consideration though it may be difficult to pull EPA and Corps staff together in the next 2 work days - I'm pretty flexible during those 8 or so hours you offered (except today between 2 and 3) and will await others availability. We would appreciate receiving the written material in advance.

We'll do our best to offer immediate informal feedback though I do not see us being able to concur on anything by the Executive Committee's May 19 decision date. Given the complexity and importance of this project, it deserves our more careful consideration. (As you know, the Corps is drafting an MOU to clarify the process for Corps and EPA formal concurrence.) Thank you. - Karen

From: "Idlof, Patricia S" [Pidlof@usbr.gov]
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If possible, I'd like to arrange a conference call either today or Monday regarding yesterday's discussion of alternatives at the Executive Committee meeting. Please let me know your availability today prior to 11:30am or after 1pm; and Monday between 12-2pm. Thanks!

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Subject: BDCP EIS Alternatives

Karen, Mike - I was just at a BDCP meeting (Executive Committee) at which there was considerable discussion of the alternatives to include in the EIS/EIR. The lead agencies are scheduled to meet Tuesday of next week to try to come to closure on the alternatives, and the Executive Committee expects to hear about a "final decision" on alternatives when they next meet on May 19. (They think the decision is theirs – not the case even though they are paying for it.)

By this email, I am requesting that Patti brief you on where things stand and where they appear to be going. If you have any questions or concerns or want to add to or modify the alternatives in the DEIS, this is the time to bring those forward.

David

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